2 3 BEFORE THE **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 Case No. 2012-392 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: SHARON ANN MOORE, a.k.a. SHARON ANN BILLINGSLEY **DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER** 10 12067 Alta Carmel Court, Unit 60 San Diego, CA 92128 11 [Gov. Code, §11520] Registered Nurse License No. 488964 12 Respondent. 13 14 FINDINGS OF FACT 15 1. On or about December 22, 2011, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in 16 her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of 17 Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2012-392 against Sharon Ann Moore (Respondent) 18 before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.) 19 On or about March 31, 1993, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued 2. 20 Registered Nurse License No. 488964 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full 21 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2012-392 and will 22 expire on April 30, 2013, unless renewed. 23 On or about December 22, 2011, Respondent was served by Certified and First 3. 24 Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2012-392, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, 25 Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, 26 and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to California Code of 27 Regulations, title 16, section 1409.1 and Business and Professions Code (Code) section 136, is 28

required to be reported and maintained with the Board, which was and is: 12067 Alta Carmel Court, Unit 60, San Diego, CA 92128.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or B & P Code section 124.
- 5. On or about January 3, 2012, the domestic return receipt was received by the Board of Registered Nursing indicating a delivery of the accusation on December 28, 2011.
 - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
 - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2012-392.
 - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
 - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 2012-392, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-392, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 488964, heretofore issued to Respondent Sharon Ann Moore, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on August 31,2012

It is so ORDERED August 1,2012

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FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation

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Accusation

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15	Registered Nurse License No. 488964		
16	Respondent		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her		
21	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of		
22	Consumer Affairs.	*	: · · · ·
23	2. On or about March 31, 1993, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered		
24	Nurse License Number 488964 to Sharon Ann Moore, a.k.a. Sharon Ann Billingsley		
25	(Respondent). The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to		
26	the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2013, unless renewed.		
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Accusation

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

- 4. Section 2750 of Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

7. Section 2762 of the Code states:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

- (a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.
- (e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section.
- 8. Section 4060 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance without a prescription by a physician.

- 9. Section 11032 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the term "narcotics" means controlled substances classified in Schedule I or II as defined in section 11054 or 11055 of that code and that the term "restricted dangerous drugs" means controlled substances classified in Schedules III and IV as defined in sections 11056 and 11057 of that code.
- 10. Section 11173 (a) of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that (a) no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge.

COSTS

11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

DRUGS

- 12. Pyxis is a trade name for an automated single-unit dose medication dispensing system that delivers medications, typically narcotics and controlled substances, to an individual authorized to access the system by using a password known only to that individual. Once the password is entered, the medication drawer or container is unlocked and the medication is removed from the machine and then administered to the designated patient. The medication transaction is recorded and stored into a data system, containing information about the identity of who accessed the system, the name of the patient who is supposed to receive the medication, the time the system was accessed, the type of medication removed and the quantity of medication that was removed. Sometimes only portions of the withdrawn narcotics are given to the patient. The portions not given to the patient are referred to as wastage. This wastage must be witnessed by another authorized user and is also recorded by the Pyxis machine.
- 13. Alprazolam, the generic name for Xanax, is a Schedule IV controlled substance under California Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(1), and is classified as a dangerous drug

pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Alprazolam tablets are indicated for the management of anxiety disorder or the short-term relief of symptoms of anxiety.

- 14. Hydrocodone, also known as Vicodin, which is designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) as a narcotic drug and a Schedule III controlled substance, and by Business and Professions Code section 4022 as a dangerous drug, and is used as a narcotic analysis in the relief of pain.
- 15. Hydromorphone, sold under the brand name Dilaudid, is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code Section 11055(b)(1)(J) and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Hydromorphone is used to treat moderate to severe pain.
- 16. Lorazepam, sold under the brand name Ativan, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(16), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Lorazepam is used in the treatment of anxiety disorders and for short-term (up to 4 months) relief of the symptoms of anxiety.
- 17. Morphine/Morphine Sulfate is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(M), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Code section 4022.
- 18. Percocet, a brand name for acetaminophen and oxycodone, is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(N), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 19. During the months of August 2008 through September 2008, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, California.
- 20. Pyxis Reports for the time period of August 2008 through September 2008, and patient medical records revealed, that drugs withdrawn by Respondent from the Pyxis, were either not given to the patients or their administration or wastage were not documented by Respondent. Regardless, Respondent failed to account for medication in her possession. A review of Respondent's Pyxis drug activity revealed the following:

- 21. Patient A: On July 25, 2008, patient A had a physician's order for Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg 2 tabs by mouth every four hours and Hydromorphone 1.5 mg IV prn severe pain.
- a. On August 1, 2008, at 1942 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the Medication Administrative Record (MAR) and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- b. On August 2, 2008, at 0012 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- c. On August 2, 2008, at 0519 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- d. On August 2, 2008, at 2011 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- e. On August 2, 2008, at 2344 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- f. On August 3, 2008, at 0457 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.

- g. On August 3, 2008, at 0517 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- h. On August 3, 2008, at 0517 hours, Respondent withdrew Lorazepam 4 mg IV from Pyxis for patient A. However, patient A's prescription for Lorazepam had been discontinued on July 28, 2008 and Respondent had withdrawn medication from the Pyxis that was not ordered for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Lorazepam 4 mg IV is unaccounted for.
- i. On August 3, 2008, at 0518 hours, Respondent withdrew Hydromorphone 1 mg IV from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Hydromorphone I mg IV is unaccounted for
- j. On August 3, 2008, at 1952 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- k. On August 3, 2008, at 2329 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10-325 mg from Pyxis for patient A. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- 22. Patient B: On August 7, 2008, patient B had a physician's order for Hydrocodone 2 tabs every four hours for severe pain. On August 15, 2008, patient B had a physician's order for Morphine Sulfate 2 mg IV q 30 min prn mild pain and Morphine Sulfate 4 mg IV q 30 min prn moderate to severe pain.
- a. On August 16, 2008, at 0424 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone 5/500 mg from Pyxis for patient B. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.

- b. On August 20, 2008, at 0028 hours, Respondent withdrew Morphine Sulfate 2 mg carpuject from Pyxis for patient B. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Morphine Sulfate 2 mg are unaccounted for.
- c. On August 20, 2008, at 0029 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone 5/500 mg from Pyxis for patient B. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- d. On August 20, 2008, at 1934 hours, Respondent withdrew Morphine Sulfate two 2 mg carpuject from Pyxis for patient B. Respondent withdrew medication in excess of what was prescribed and failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Morphine Sulfate 2 mg are unaccounted for.
- e. On August 21, 2008, at 0306 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Hydrocodone 5/500 mg from Pyxis for patient B. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of hydrocodone are unaccounted for.
- 23. Patient C: On August 19, 2008, patient C had a physician's order for Percocet every two hours for moderate pain. On September 1, 2008, patient C had a physician's order for Alprazolam .25 mg tab q 3 hours prn anxiety. On September 3, 2008, patient C had a physician's order for Morphine Sulfate 1 mg IV every two hours prn for mild pain.
- a. On August 24, 2008, at 2110 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- b. On August 25, 2008, at 0525 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.

- c. On August 25, 2008, at 1842 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- d. On August 25, 2008, at 2156 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- e. On August 30, 2008, at 0059 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent withdrew medication in excess of what was prescribed and failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of oxycodone are unaccounted for.
- f. On August 30, 2008, at 2146 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- g. On August 31, 2008, at 0201 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- h. On September 1, 2008, at 0444 hours, Respondent withdrew two tablets of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent withdrew medication in excess of what was prescribed and failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Two tablets of oxycodone are unaccounted for.
- i. On September 4, 2008, at 2124 hours, Respondent withdrew Morphine Sulfate 2 mg carpuject from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent charted on the MAR that on September 4, 2008 at 2130 hours, she administered Morphine Sulfate 1 mg carpuject to patient C. Respondent withdrew medication in excess of what was prescribed and failed to chart the administration or

wastage, or otherwise account for the extra 1 mg of morphine sulfate that she removed from the Pyxis. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication in the nursing notes. Additionally, there are no pain entries by Respondent. Morphine Sulfate 1 mg is unaccounted for.

- j. On September 4, 2008, at 2318 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Alprazolam .25 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent charted on the MAR that on September 4, 2008 at 2200 hours, she administered one tablet of Alprazolam .25 mg to patient C. Respondent charted in the MAR that she had given Alprazolam to patient C, 1 hour and 18 minutes before she had actually removed the Alprazolam from the Pyxis machine. Additionally, Respondent failed to chart the administration of this medication in the nursing notes.
- k. On September 5, 2008, at 0123 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- l. On September 5, 2008, at 0124 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Alprazolam .25 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of alprazolam is unaccounted for.
- m. On September 5, 2008, at 0615 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.
- n. On September 5, 2008, at 0737 hours, Respondent withdrew Morphine Sulfate 2 mg carpuject from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent withdrew medication in excess of what was prescribed and failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. Additionally, there are no pain entries by Respondent. Morphine sulfate 2 mg is unaccounted for.
- o. On September 9, 2008, at 0014 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the

 administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.

p. On September 13, 2008, at 0034 hours, Respondent withdrew one tablet of Oxycodone/APAP 5-325 mg from Pyxis for patient C. Respondent failed to chart the administration or wastage of this medication on the MAR and in the nursing notes. One tablet of oxycodone is unaccounted for.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False, Incorrect or Inconsistent Entries in Hospital/Patient Records)

24. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2762(e) in that she falsified, or made grossly incorrect, or grossly inconsistent entries in hospital and patient records pertaining to controlled substances, when she withdrew medication but failed to chart the wastage or administration of the medication to patients. The facts and circumstances are more specifically set forth in paragraphs 19 through 23 above, and are incorporated herein as though fully referenced.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Obtain or Possess Controlled Substances)

25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2762(a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent obtained and possessed controlled substances in violation of Code section 4060 and Health and Safety Code section 11173(a). The facts and circumstances are more specifically set forth in paragraphs 19 through 23 above, and are incorporated herein as though fully referenced.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

26. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761(a) in that she acted unprofessionally when she obtained and possessed controlled substances from Scripps Memorial Hospital while on duty as a registered nurse. The facts and circumstances are more specifically set forth in paragraphs 19 through 23 above, and are incorporated herein as though fully referenced.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 488964, issued to Sharon Ann Moore;
- 2. Ordering Sharon Ann Moore to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: <u>December</u> 22, 2011

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RY

Executive Officer

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